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REPORT

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1. EMBASSY'S A-194 DATED OCT 24, COPY OF WHICH SENT
TO US MISSION NATO, EXPANDS ON NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL
TO ESTABLISH COAST GUARD CENTERED IN MINISTRY OF DE-
FENSE. MISSION MAY WANT TO DRAW ON IT WHEN DISCUSSING
NORWEGIAN FORCES FOR NATO, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL A.
PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING THIS SUBJECT CONTAINED
IN REF D.

2. THE PROPOSAL DOES RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT
OF APPROXIMATELY \$21 MILLION, ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS
OF \$2 MILLION AND 685 PERSONNEL, AGAINST
TODAY'S OPERATING COSTS OF \$600,000 AND 200 PEOPLE.
IT ALSO CALLS FOR MODERNIZING AND PURCHASING OF 10
SURVEILLANCE SHIPS, DIVING SHIP WITH SUBMERSIBLE,
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SIX HELICOPTERS, 3 ORIAN SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT

AND OTHER FACILITIES.

3. REPORT IS NOT OUT TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR COMMENT. NORWEGIAN DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PROPOSAL BEFORE IT IS DISCUSSED BY PARLIAMENT EARLY IN 1976. PLANNING PHASE IS ESTIMATED AT ONE YEAR WITH POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REQUEST FOR PRIORITY ITEMS IN THE SPRING OF 1976. PRINCIPAL BUDGET WOULD COME NEXT FALL. CHANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT'S MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS NOW SEEMS FAVORABLE.

4. IF DISCUSSION PERMITS, MISSION MIGHT INQUIRE HOW PROPOSED COAST GUARD WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO SUPPLEMENT NORWAY'S EXISTING MILITARY FORCES AND MANPOWER AND HOW THE NON-MILITARY MINISTRIES ACTIVE ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD BE RELATED TO COAST GUARD.
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